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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Norvell et al.

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For: Improved Flocked Articles

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 53 as follows:

53. A flocked article comprising

a substrate comprising expanded PTFE; and

at least one layer of flock particulate attached to at least a portion of said expanded PTFE to form a flocked surface, wherein at least a portion of the flock particulate stands on end.

REMARKS

New claim 53 has been added to place the application in better form for examination. Support for this claim may be found in the Detailed Description of the Invention.